

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Meng YANG et al.

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For: IMMUNOCOMPROMISED RODENTS AS  
DUAL COLOR TUMOR MODELS

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Examiner: Anne Marie S. Wehbé, Ph.D.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed from the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on June 4, 2009, and a response was filed with the PTO on September 4, 2009. In an Advisory Action mailed by the PTO on October 21, 2009, the Examiner refused entry of the arguments and amendments as set forth in the response. Enclosed with this RCE is a petition for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline to November 4, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.